

Section 720 - Parking, Snow or Other Emergencies

Section 720:00. Definitions.

Subd. 1. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the words, combinations of words, terms, and phrases, as used in Section 720:00 et seq. shall have the meanings set forth in the subdivisions of this section which follow.

Subd. 2. "Vehicle" shall mean any self-propelled motor vehicle, or other vehicle on wheels which would ordinarily travel on public streets.

Subd. 3. "Street" shall mean any street, avenue or other public way within the corporate limits of this municipality.

Section 720:05. Authority to Declare Emergency. Whenever in the opinion of the Mayor and the Chief of Police an emergency exists in this municipality, or in a section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other phenomena which create, or are likely to create, hazardous road conditions impeding, or likely to impede, the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic, or the safety and welfare of the community, the Mayor and the Chief of Police may declare an emergency to exist for a period of 72 hours and notice thereof shall be given by whatever means are available, such as posting signs or by word of mouth.

Section 720:10. Emergency Declared, Parking Prohibited. Whenever such an emergency is so declared to exist, no vehicles shall be parked or left standing on any street. Upon the declaration of a state of emergency, the Mayor and Chief of Police may prohibit during the emergency the parking, standing or leaving of any vehicles upon any or all of the above designated snow or other emergency streets. Parking may be resumed on individual streets as soon as plowing has been completed on that street, or said street becomes passable.

Section 720:15. Removal of Vehicles. If any vehicle is parked, abandoned or left standing in violation of the terms of this ordinance, the same may be moved by this municipality at the cost and expense of the owner thereof.

Section 720:20. Violations. In addition to the foregoing penalty, the owner or driver of any vehicle violating the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction therefor, shall be guilty of a penal offense.